

ruptcy of the traders and shopkeepers, we see every day large establishments springing into existence, some of which bid fairly to rival (if not to surpass) many in the three kingdoms; and into whatever street of business we turn, we bear the sound of the hammer and the trowel, engaged in the erection of some new house of business, or in the decoration of some fancy shop front.

The theme in the path of the junior members of the profession are many, and the advantages equally few; but still I think that where the youthful student embraces his profession with enthusiasm, he may, in a great measure, smooth the way by his own exertions.

I cannot here refrain from dwelling upon the apathy which is manifest in the paucity of the contributors to our fine-art exhibitions, and, though favourable opportunities are afforded by them for the advancement of talent, yet few are found to take advantage of them: while we are wanting in a desire to forward ourselves, we cannot reasonably expect foreign assistance. J. J. L.

NEW CHURCH, GREAT EALING, MIDDLESEX.

The foundation-stone of a new church, about to be erected in this parish, was laid on Thursday, the 11th inst. Much interest was created on this occasion from the circumstances of Christian liberality under which the good work has been commenced. The necessity for additional church accommodation had long been inconveniently felt, especially by the poor, and some months since a subscription was commenced for building a new church. The appeal was liberally responded to by the proprietors and inhabitants, and about 1,600*l.* had been raised, when a lady, endued with pious zeal, came forward and munificently undertook to erect the church at her own sole expense.

Miss Lewis, the foundress, laid the first stone in the presence of the Vicar of Ealing, some of the neighbouring clergy, and a large number of the inhabitants, as well as of her personal friends. The vicar, the Rev. Mr. Smith, performed the usual service, and at the conclusion of it presented Miss Lewis with a silver trowel, accompanying the presentation by an appropriate address, which concluded with a resolution passed unanimously at a meeting of the subscribers to the fund above-mentioned, expressing their grateful sense of the piety and liberality which had suggested the noble undertaking.

The church is proposed to be a handsome building in the Decorated style worthy the present age of revived ecclesiastical architecture. The designs have been prepared by Mr. G. G. Scott. The church is to accommodate 800 persons, and will cost in the whole about 7,000*l.* We understand that Miss Lewis is the only sister of the gentleman who died last autumn, and by his will bequeathed a portrait and a reversionary legacy of 10,000*l.* to the National Gallery.

MONUMENTS TO SIR ROBERT PEEL.

THE Commons have voted an address to her Majesty praying her to direct that a monument be erected to Sir Robert Peel in Westminster Abbey, at their expense.—A numerous and influential meeting of merchants, bankers, traders, and other inhabitants of London was held in the Egyptian-hall, Mansions-house, on Monday last, when it was resolved to promote a subscription to raise a national testimonial as a tribute of respect to the memory of Sir Robert. The Lord Mayor was in the chair. A committee was appointed, but without any restriction in the meantime as to the nature of the proposed tribute. A statue in Guildhall, however, a "Peel's wing" to the London Hospital, &c., were suggested. A subscription was forthwith opened, with sums ranging from "a poor man's 6*s.*" to the Merchant Tailors' Company's two hundred guineas.—"one day's pay" from the City "Peelers"—the police—500 to 600 in number, inclusive. The general metropolitan police and those of the country districts were to follow the example.—The subscription for the working man's monument also progresses. A meeting was held last week at Pentonville in support of it, when it was resolved that the subscription list be

open till 1st January, 1851, and that all sums be received, from 1*d.* upwards. Lord John Russell and other influential members of Parliament have given their countenance to this project, and offered their assistance and co-operation.—At Bury, the birth-place of the lamented statesman, 700 guineas were subscribed in ten minutes for a local monument—the amount subsequently running up to 2,000*l.*, including 200*l.* from the working classes, with fifty 8*d.* bits from one working man.—The subscription for the Manchester monument had risen to 3,000*l.*, and upwards on Friday in last week.—At Salford it is proposed to erect an obelisk in Peel's Park, opposite the late Sir Robert's Salford residence. Nearly 800*l.* were forthwith subscribed.—A memorial is to be erected at Ashton-under-Lyne, and there and in other manufacturing centres large amounts have been promptly subscribed.—At Birmingham a public meeting was to be held on Tuesday last to consider the propriety of erecting a monument there.—The like movement is taking place at Leeds.—A statue on the esplanade at Portsmouth is spoken of.—In short, architectural designers, sculptors, and other professional men had better be sharpening their tools to begin, for if even two-thirds of the projects already started come to maturity, there will be work to do for not a few.

NOTES IN THE PROVINCES.

A REVOLVING bridge is in course of construction across the river at Suttonbridge, Wincob.—Mr. C. T. Brown, of Southampton, architect, according to the *Hampshire Independent*, has prepared a design for a public fountain at Winchester, to be placed in the open space opposite St. John's Hospital.—A Martello Tower is about to be built by the Ordnance on the Stack Rock, in Milford Haven, from a design prepared at the Royal Engineers' Office, Pembroke Dock.—New schools for 600 children, with residences for a master and mistress, are about to be built at Hereford, on a plan furnished by Mr. T. Nicholson, of Hereford, architect.—The provision of public parks and places of recreation, says the *Morning Chronicle*, has been considered as a matter of duty by the authorities of Liverpool. Mr. Richard Vaughan Yates, a Liverpool merchant, purchased a park of about 80 acres for the free use of the public, and which he has drained and laid out. The corporation followed Mr. Yates in this important movement, by purchasing and throwing open to the public the Botanic Gardens. They have likewise purchased, for upwards of 80,000*l.*, the extensive estate of Newtham-house, on the confines of the borough, which they are about to convert into public pleasure-grounds.—The Pinnage Bath at Warrington is now completed, with a separate dressing-room for annual subscribers.—A movement is on foot in Manchester to erect a hall for music, to equal, if not surpass, the Liverpool St. George's and Philharmonic Halls.—The Miles Platting Baths and Wash-houses, erected at the expense of Sir B. Haywood, comprise a frontage of 160 feet, with a depth of 49 feet. The baths, twenty-three in number, and divided into three classes, are lined with slate. The want of a plunge-bath, at the Miller-street establishment, is here supplied by a bath about 9 yards by 6 yards, and from 3 feet 6 inches to 4 feet 6 inches in depth, containing 10,000 gallons of water. The supply is obtained from the Water-works Company. There are four wash-houses, each affording accommodation for twelve washers, with means for obtaining hot and cold water. The steam from the tube is collected and carried away. The drying-room is furnished with sixteen maidens or horses, each 8 feet 6 inches long and 7 feet high; and by the introduction of an effective upper current of air, it is expected that the clothes will be dried with great rapidity. The vapour of drying is also conveyed outside. In the cellar are several wash-tubs, for the purpose of cleansing infected clothes. The water for the whole is heated by steam from an eight-horse power boiler in the yard. The hot water tank contains about 2,000 gallons, and that for cold water about 5,000. The establishment is lighted throughout with gas, and has been erected under the superintendence of Mr.

Winstanley. The plan, generally, says the *Manchester Spectator*, is a modification of that adopted in the Paul-street baths, Liverpool. Mr. Stone's ventilating arrangements have been employed. The cost of erection and fitting up is about 2,000*l.*—It is intended to erect a new exchange at Blackburn.—On Wednesday week, a new Independent chapel was opened at the village of Farnworth. It is built of stone, in the Gothic style, and accommodates about 1,200 persons. The walls inside appear as marble!—On Thursday, in last week, the foundation-stone of a new church, to be named St. Matthew's, was laid in the district of Little London, Leeds, on a site near the district church school, recently erected. The building is to be of stone, in the middle-pointed style, from a design by Mr. Burleigh, of Albion-street, Leeds: it is estimated to cost 2,800*l.*, of which 400*l.* are still required. There will be accommodation for 500. The church is to be finished by August 1851. The builder is Mr. Charles Jackman. The cost is to be 2,800*l.* The following dimensions and particulars are given by the *Ecclesiologist*.—Nave, with five bays, 71 feet by 22 feet; aisles, 12 feet 9 inches broad; tower and spire engaged at west end of south aisle, chancel, 36 feet by 19 feet, with south aisle of single bay, and sacristy. The ogee line has been studied in foliage of tracery throughout. The east window is to be of five, and the west of four lights; those in the aisles of two, varied in the heads, as also those north and south of sanctuary, but with more elaborate heads. The pillars are octagonal. The clerestory of the nave is of circles, alternately filled with trefoil and quatrefoil. All the roofs will be open, and of simple construction: that of the nave composed of braces, collar, queenpost, and struts; that of the chancel of intersecting braces. The tower forms the porch, there being no west door. There are single-light windows in the ringers' story, to the west and south. The belfry story is lighted with two single-light windows, with traceried heads. The spire is of stone, and broached, with two light spirals between the haunches.—A new wing is about to be added to the Durham County Gaol.—A subscription has been commenced at Edinburgh for another statue of the Queen, to be executed by Mr. Handyside Ritchie, and placed in the centre of the quadrangle of Holyrood Palace. The town-council gave its sanction by assisting the subscription.

PAINTINGS—EXETER CATHEDRAL.

AN interesting discovery of wall paintings has just been made in scraping the walls of the Chapter House of Exeter Cathedral. Beneath the windows this edifice dates about 1230, and the wall is recessed into deep early English coupled niches, with bold detail, in clustered shafts, caps, and arch mouldings. The back of each of these recesses is found to have had a figure about six feet high, standing under a trefoil-headed crocketed canopy, on alternately a red and black ground. The spandrel spaces of the arches are filled with foliage, shaded with black. All the probable saints are so defaced that not a feature can be traced, and the same treatment has been bestowed on two tall compositions adjacent to the East window, each having two niches in the height, relieved with a black ground, elegantly diapered with orange stars; with stars on a red border, forming the parallelogram outline, coved into a corbel form below. The painting is apparently in oil, and of the third pointed period, somewhat in correspondence with the gorgeously painted and gilt roof added by Bishop Lacy in the fifteenth century to the perpendicular superstructure erected by him. The name of David has shown itself on the base of a series of unoccupied niches (now restored), which probably once contained other prophets, priests, and kings of Holy Writ. E. ASHWORTH.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CORK.—Mr. R. L. Stopford, of Cork, has just published a very nice view of the new college erected by Sir Thos. Deane, which we illustrated some time ago. Mr. Stopford's view shows the front next the water, where, on a steep bank and amongst trees and underwood, the effect is very good.